Name/Title: Radioactive River

Purpose of Event: To work together as a team, show positive sports-personship and figure out solutions to the problems presented.

Suggested Grade Level: 6-12

Materials Needed: 6-8 cones, 2-3 scooters (depending on the number of teams you have), 3-8 carpet squares

Description of Idea

Set half of the cones up on one side of the activity area, spreading all the way down the long side of the area. Set the other half of cones on the other side of the activity area, accross from the first set of cones. This will be the **"river"** and you can determine the width of the river should be depending on your students.

Form class into either two or three teams. Give each team one scooter and two or three carpet squares. Explain to them that their **mission** is to get their entire team accross the "river" without having anyone touch the radioactive river. If any member of the team touches the river at any time, the whole team must start over.

If the team has to start over, make sure the students know that the next person to go accross the river is the next person in line. The students that were already accross the river go to the end of the line. This allows for everyone to have a chance to get accross.

After the lesson, be sure and debrief about team work, cooperation, discuss where students could use these skills, and how these skills may correspond to their lives. Feel free to use the Cooperation Assessment Sheet located in the Assessment Section of PE Cetral as a written assessment of this activity.

Variations:

To add a challenge take a couple carpet squares away.

Insist that the leaders of the groups they can't talk during the mission.

Blindfold a few students.

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